

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
November 26, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Roger Wills, Trinity Free Methodist Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** All members were present.

**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:**

A Letter was received from Engineering Administrator regarding extending The Town’s contract with Walsh & Kelly for another year. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the resignation and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was some discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher Approval for November 26, 2019. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2019. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 voice vote.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**BUDGET & FINANCE:**

Mrs. Barron had no reports.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Mr. Minchuk had no reports.

**COUNCIL AFFAIRS:**

Ms. LaMarca had no report.

**PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:**

Mr. Pettit had no reports

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Mrs. Uzelac had no reports.

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

Ms. LaMarca had no reports.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:**

Mrs. Barron had no reports but referred to Mr. Lake. Mr. Lake reported information on an application submitted to the Little Calumet River Basin Development for 100% engineering pertaining to the redesigning of all roadway crossings from McDonalds on U.S. 30 to Taft Ave. The application was accepted. Mr. Lake reported 2 more applications that were submitted which pertained to 50% coverage of a project for a Bond or Lake Outlet to be lowered 6-7 inches. As well as the final application for 50% coverage for the Regional Basin which is in the Meadowdale area next to the Pruzin Center. The last 2 applications are yet awaiting a response. The Lake County surveyor’s office currently is advertising bids for maintenance on lateral 6. The construction will begin shortly after the start of the New Year. Mr. Lake clarified some questions that Mr. Hardaway had.

**ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

Mrs. Uzelac had no reports..

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Mr. Pettit had no reports.

**UTILITY LIAISON:**

Mr. Spann had no reports.

**ABANDONED PROPERTIES:**

President Hardaway had no report.

**GENERAL ORDERS:**

***FIRST READING: (Discussion and Roll Call)***

**Ordinance 19-27 (Discussion, Public Comment and Roll Call Vote)**

An Ordinance Amending Town Ordinance 94-05 Entitled “An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana For the Establishment of a Merrillville Town Court”, And Repealing all the Town Code Sections and Ordinances, or parts Thereof, In conflict Herewith. Mr. Minchuk made a motion to table the Ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion tabled by a 7-0 roll call vote.

**SECOND READING:**

**Ordinance 19-26 (Discussion, Public Comment and Roll Call Vote)**

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, amending Ordinance 19-14 and pay the employees of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana for the calendar year 2020. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the Ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 19-53 (Discussion and Voice Vote)**

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2019 budget within The General Fund. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 19-54 (Discussion and Voice Vote)**

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2019 Budget within The Motor Vehicle Highway Budget. Mr. Minchuk made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**BZA ACTIONS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

All public comment is recorded on an audio file and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer’s Office at Town Hall.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Board of Zoning and Appeals Meeting November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Town Hall Closed November 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. through November 29<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving

Stormwater Management Board Meeting December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

Plan Commission Workshop December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

Town Council Meeting December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Pettit made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mrs. Barron.

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**Richard Hardaway, President**

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**Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer**